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MESSAGE FROM THE P.T.A. PRESIDENT

The P.T.A. is joining the band members, students, and parents of band members in raising money for updating the band uniforms. These uniforms are in sad shape and money is not allocated by the School Board to keep the uniforms "fit". The band performs in thirty-five different performances each year that require the wearing of a uniform. The School Board is supposed to update the uniforms every ten years. However, this is not adequate for the number of performances the Wakefield band participates in.

A survey of the uniforms has been made and it is estimated that at least $8,000.00 is needed to get the uniforms into first class condition. Thirteen thousand dollars is needed to replace the old with new uniforms.

It would be appreciated if you would support the project with a generous donation. An envelope is enclosed for sending your donation to the school with your child or by placing a stamp thereon and mailing it to the school. Checks may be made out to the Wakefield High School Band. Every cent contributed will be used for the band. THE BAND NEEDS YOUR SUPPORT. PLEASE HELP IN THIS PROJECT.

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NEXT GENERAL P.T.A. MEETING

Our next general P.T.A. meeting will be held Monday, March 25, 1974 at 7:30 p.m. in Room 143. After a short business meeting, Mr. William Rosenow, President of Ecology Recycling, Inc. will present a brief film talk about the recycling program in our area.

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IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER (mark them on your calendar)

March 22	Ugly Man Tag Dance
March 25	P.T.A. GENERAL MEETING (see above article)
April 4	Spring Band Concert
March 29	Talent Show, 8:00 p.m. Auditorium
March 30	
EASTER VACATION:	Half day April 12 - April 22
April 26	Sigma Dance
T.B.A.	Psi Dance

FOSTER PARENTS NEEDED

The Arlington County Department of Human Resources needs Foster parents who live in Arlington County. The foster parents may live in either an apartment or a house.

At present, our greatest need for homes is for teenagers ages 13-18 years. Homes are needed for both male and female, black and white children. Homes are also needed for children with special physical, mental, or emotional problems.

Arlington County pays a monthly room and board allowance for the child and provides medical care. We ask both mother and father be interested in the program and willing to participate in information and training sessions to become foster parents.

For further information, call Linda Haller, Foster Home Finder at 558-2145.

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CAREER CORNER

The Career Conference on Recreation, Parks and Conservation held at the Thomas Jefferson Community Center March 12th, was well attended by Wakefield students. Most report an interesting conference with much valuable information available on careers in recreation.

SENIORS

Job Placement Day will be held this year on April 11 in Room 143. About 50 employers from the Metropolitan area will be at Wakefield to talk with senior students planning to enter full time employment after graduation.

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RECOGNITON, PLEASE!

We recently had the pleasure of seeing some great talent in the Drama Department's production of "Promises, Promises". All of the students involved in putting on the play deserve a pat on the back for the fine performance. The professional sounding orchestra, under the direction of Mr. Pickeral, also deserves special mention. They were great.

Talking about the Music Department, our Concert and Advanced Bands recently took part in a band festival conducted by the Virginia Music Educations Association held at Yorktown High School. We can all be extremely proud of the showing they made that day. The competition was tough but they came out with very favorable grades. Be sure to support these hard working youngsters and see for yourselves how talented they are by attending the SPRING BAND CONCERT on April 4th. You will be in for a treat.

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May the Great Bird of the Galaxy
forever roost upon your chimney.

The Anonymous Trekkie

Dear Parents:

For years smoking in the restrooms and other areas on the school property has been a problem to enforce, a nuisance, and a safety hazard. Parents and students alike have registered complaints concerning the crowded bathrooms and the problems that it presents to the non-smokers due to the congregration of smokers in these facilities.

The newly organized Wakefield Student Board, sensing the discontent of the student-body and parents, is now working on a program of establishing controlled smoking areas for students. This is in keeping with the new policy passed recently by the School Board concerning smoking. The efforts of the Student Board and the administration are in no way to be construed as an endorsement of smoking by students or any other person. However, a real problem exists and it seems logical to attempt to resolve the problem.

It is impossible at this point to provide you with copies of the entire survey conducted by the Student Board. Nevertheless, the following information can be provided to assist you in arriving at a decision as to whether you would support the proposed program being formulated by the Student Board.

1. In a student survey in which 1,410 responses were received, (1,508 membership), 78.7% of the students supports the establishment of a controlled smoking area.
2. In a teacher survey in which 45 responses were received (92 teacher population, 90.2% were in favor of a controlled smoking area.
3. All six administrators were in favor of the proposal.
4. The PTA Executive committee voted on Monday, March 11, 1974, to support the Student Board in its efforts to establish a controlled smoking area.

All interested individuals realize that such a program would require standard rules that can be enforced and supported by the vast majority of those in favor of controlled smoking areas.

Listed below are some proposed rules set forth by the Student Board:

1. No student under 16 years of age will be permitted to use the area.
2. Each student must secure written permission from his parents to use the area. Verification of the permission will be made by the Student Board.
3. Each student must carry an I.D. card indicating permission to use the area and will have to show it upon request from any faculty member.
4. I.D. cards will be re-issued at the beginning of each semester.
5. Each student granted permission to use the smoking area will be required to attend a school organized anti-smoking seminar.
6. Violation of the rules by students may result in the revocation of permission to use the smoking area and referral to the assistant principals for disiplinary actions.
7. Students will shoulder the responsibility of assisting in the enforcement of the rules and will establish open lines of communication with other students.

WE ask the administration to deal harshly with those individuals who violate the policies regarding the smoking in the building and who violate the aforementioned rules.

We ask your assistance and we solicit your support in establishing controlled smoking areas at Wakefield. Would you please indicate your approval or disapproval of the program by returning the attached card to the Student Board atWakefield by April 3, 1974 . Members of the Student Board will be available from 1:30 to 2:30 Monday through Friday to answer any questions you may have concerning the proposals. They may be reached by telephone at 671-8800, Ext. 48.

Thank you for your cooperation.

The Wakefield Student Board